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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th, 49th, 52nd, 54th, 56th and 58th meetings, on 9, 10, 24 and 29 May and 6 and 27 June 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.48, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Strengthening of the capacity of the Organization in peacekeeping operations

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the Organization to manage and sustain peace operations (A/61/858);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the Organization to manage and sustain peace operations: revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 5, Peacekeeping operations, 28 D, Office of Central Support Services, and 35, Staff assessment (A/61/858/Add.2);

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(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/937);

Overview of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and budget for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/696);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and budget for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/61/786);

(f) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852);

Support account for peacekeeping operations

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/733 and Add.1);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peace operations: budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/61/858/Add.1);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/60/898);

(j) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/937);

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement (A/61/679);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/61/752);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms for rapid deployment (A/61/795);

(n) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852/Add.14);

Closed peacekeeping missions

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2005 (A/60/437);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2006 (A/61/867);

(q) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/551 and A/61/920);

Consolidation of peacekeeping accounts

(r) Report of the Secretary-General on investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report on financial management practices (A/60/846/Add.3);

(s) Report of the Secretary-General on investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report on financial management practices (A/61/865);

(t) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/870 and A/61/920);

Joint Inspection Unit evaluation of the implementation of results-based budgeting in peacekeeping operations

(u) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the evaluation of results-based budgeting in peacekeeping operations (A/60/709);

(v) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the evaluation of results-based budgeting in peacekeeping operations (A/60/709/Add.1);

Purchase and utilization of vehicles, fuel management, air assets and spare parts

(w) Report of the Secretary-General on procedures for the purchase and utilization of vehicles and other equipment by United Nations field missions (A/60/842);

(x) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852);

Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

(y) Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/60/861);

(z) Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 59/296 on sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, including policy development, implementation and full justification of proposed capacity on personnel conduct issues (A/60/862);

(aa) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/886);

Internal controls in management, accounting and reporting of assets

(bb) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of internal controls in management, accounting and reporting of assets of all United Nations field missions (A/60/843);

(cc) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852);

Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration

(dd) Report of the Secretary-General on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (A/60/705);

(ee) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/929);

Strategic Military Cell

(ff) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the Strategic Military Cell (A/61/883);

(gg) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852/Add.16);

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(hh) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of standard costs applied to Headquarters overhead (A/60/682);

(ii) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the global review of discipline in field missions led by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/60/713);

(jj) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on a comprehensive management audit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/60/717);

(kk) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation conducted by the Investigations Task Force into fraud and corruption allegations at Pristina Airport (A/60/720 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(ll) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, part two: peacekeeping operations (A/61/264 (Part II));

(mm) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, part two: peacekeeping operations (A/61/264 (Part II)/Add.1);

(nn) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management structures of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/61/743);

(oo) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the horizontal audit of fuel management in peacekeeping missions (A/61/760 and Corr.1);

(pp) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its investigation into allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Ituri region (Bunia) in the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/61/841);

Budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations

(qq) Note by the Secretary-General on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/C.5/61/18);

(rr) Note by the Secretary-General on the approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and proposed budgetary levels for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/C.5/61/22);

(ss) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (A/C.5/61/23).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.49

4. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues" (A/C.5/61/L.49), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Controller made a statement.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.561/L.49 without a vote (see para. 20, draft resolution I).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Chile made a statement.

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.55*

8. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June 2007, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy" (A/C.5/61/L.55*), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Greece.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.55* without a vote (see para. 20, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.56

10. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Consolidation of peacekeeping accounts" (A/C.5/61/L.56), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.56 without a vote (see para. 20, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.71

12. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/61/L.71), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Egypt.

13. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Controller made a statement.

14. At the same meeting, the Secretary of Committee orally corrected the draft resolution by deleting the word "that" between the words "resumed sixty-third session" and "will" and inserting the words "and the reviews" in operative paragraph 58.

15. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.71, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 20, draft resolution IV).

16. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand and Australia), Japan and Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the European Union, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement).

E. Oral draft decision

17. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Chairman of the Committee presented an oral draft decision entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions" reached by consensus and coordinated by the representative of Chile.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral draft decision without a vote (see para. 21).

19. After the adoption of the oral draft decision, a statement was made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the European Union, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

20. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 49/233 B of 31 March 1995, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 58/315 of 1 July 2004, 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations[1,2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on peacekeeping operations[4] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,[5] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the evaluation of results-based budgeting in peacekeeping operations[6] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,[7] the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of internal controls in the management, accounting and reporting of assets,[8] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation conducted by the Investigations Task Force into fraud and corruption allegations at Pristina Airport[9] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,[10] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of standard costs applied to Headquarters overhead,[11] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the global review of discipline in field missions led by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[12] the report of the Secretary-General on procedures for the purchase and utilization of vehicles and other equipment by United Nations field missions,[13] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the horizontal audit of fuel management in peacekeeping missions,[14] the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse,[15] the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on sexual exploitation

[1] A/60/696.
[2] A/61/786.
[3] A/61/852.
[4] A/61/264 (Part II).
[5] A/61/264 (Part II)/Add.1.
[6] See A/60/709.
[7] A/60/709/Add.1.
[8] A/60/843.
[9] A/60/720 and Corr.1.
[10] A/60/720/Add.1.
[11] A/60/682.
[12] A/60/713.
[13] A/60/842.
[14] A/61/760 and Corr.1.
[15] A/60/861.

and sexual abuse, including policy development, implementation and full justification of proposed capacity on personnel conduct issues,[16] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its investigation into allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Ituri region (Bunia) in the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,[18] and the report of the Secretary-General on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20]

I

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 57/290 B, 59/296 and 60/266, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of their relevant provisions;

2. *Appreciates* the efforts of all peacekeeping personnel in the field and at Headquarters;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the general report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Emphasizes* that the submission of budget proposals by missions to Headquarters should constitute part of the leadership and accountability functions of the Head of Mission/Special Representative of the Secretary-General;

5. *Takes note* of the management initiatives proposed in sections III.B and C of the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

6. *Recalls* section B, paragraphs 24 and 25, of its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, and requests the Secretary-General to present his report in full conformity with the provisions of those paragraphs;

7. *Notes with concern* that a number of reports have not been introduced during the current session as requested in the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 60/266, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the outstanding reports are submitted to it at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the possible application of the relevant provisions of the present resolution to other field operations administered by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including special political missions, where applicable, under the agenda item entitled "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009";

[16] A/60/862.
[17] A/61/886.
[18] A/61/841.
[19] A/60/705.
[20] A/60/929.

II
Budgeting and budget presentation

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions of section II of its resolution 60/266;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when submitting future budget proposals and performance reports, to include information on the most significant management decisions relating to the mission's budget and its implementation, including those related to operational costs;

3. *Notes with concern* the late submission of the budgets of some peacekeeping operations, which puts considerable strain on the work of the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and, while recognizing the challenges faced in preparing budget proposals and related reports on peacekeeping and the special factors affecting some missions, requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to improve the quality and timely issuance of peacekeeping documents;

4. *Reaffirms* that budget submissions should reflect management improvements and efficiency gains to be achieved and present future strategies in that regard;

5. *Recognizes* that mandate and operational changes may lead to variances in budget implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to take further steps towards improving budget assumptions and forecasts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

6. *Notes with concern* the significant increase in the cancellation of prior-period obligations in several missions, and requests the Secretary-General to improve control over obligations;

7. *Takes note* of the observations contained in paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

III
Results-based budgeting

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to integrate operational, logistical and financial aspects fully in the planning phase of peacekeeping operations by linking results-based budgeting to the mandate implementation plans of peacekeeping operations;

IV
Planning and staffing structure

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the work undertaken during the planning phase preceding the deployment of missions is as effective and accurate as possible, and emphasizes also the importance of drawing on lessons learned;

2. *Notes* the benchmarking analysis referred to in paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and

requests the Secretary-General, when undertaking the analysis, also to take into account the complexities, mandate and specificities of each mission;

V
Best practices

1. *Recognizes* the importance of incorporating lessons learned and best practices in the planning and conduct of ongoing and future peacekeeping missions;

2. *Notes* that the policy on capturing best practices is still evolving, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on this issue to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session, including on how information on best practices is being utilized in mission planning, as well as efficiency gains and improvements in effectiveness being made as a result of those efforts;

VI
Use of consultants

Reaffirms section III of its resolution 60/266, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on this subject at its sixty-second session;

VII
Staffing, recruitment and vacancy rates

1. *Reaffirms* that locally recruited mission staff may be recruited as international staff only through the normal recruitment process in which they compete for international posts in another mission along with other external candidates;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the standards for the recruitment of National Professional Officers and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session for its consideration and action;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, cognizant of the continuously high international staff vacancy rates in many missions, to consider, when formulating budget submissions, greater utilization of national staff, as appropriate, commensurate with the requirements of the mission and its mandate;

4. *Reaffirms* its request contained in section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, and reiterates its concern over high vacancy and turnover rates for civilian staff in some peacekeeping operations and, while recognizing efforts made to improve the vacancy rates, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously;

5. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to review the staffing structure of missions on an ongoing basis, bearing in mind, in particular, the mission's mandate and concept of operations, and to reflect this in his budget proposals, including full justification of any additional posts proposed;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any delegation of authority to mission officials with regard to recruitment is accompanied by appropriate steps to ensure accountability;

7. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and recalls section II, paragraph 17, of its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006, in which it acknowledges that the interaction of United Nations personnel with the local population is necessary and that language skills constitute an important element of the selection and training processes, and therefore affirms that a good command of the official language(s) spoken in the country of residence should be taken into account as an additional asset during those processes;

VIII
Use of 300-series and 100-series appointments

1. *Recalls* section XIV of its resolution 60/266;

2. *Decides* to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 31 December 2007;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 2 above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts has reached the four-year limit by 31 December 2007, provided that their functions have been reviewed and found necessary and their performance has been confirmed as fully satisfactory, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff;

IX
Training

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of further steps to make training programmes more relevant and cost-effective through, inter alia, the training of trainers and the use of videoconferencing and e-learning where feasible;

2. *Notes* the increasing role of national staff in peacekeeping operations and the need to build national capacities and provide professional development opportunities for national staff, and emphasizes that national staff should be fully included in all relevant training programmes;

X
Death and disability claims

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of the expeditious settlement of all death and disability claims as a measure of relief to the beneficiaries and of removing all bureaucratic impediments delaying payments to the beneficiaries;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 52/177 of 18 December 1997, in which it authorized the Secretary-General to implement without delay the administrative and payment arrangements and procedures contained in section II of his report[21] for the payment of awards in cases of death and disability sustained by troops for incidents occurring after 30 June 1997;

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[21] A/52/369.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure strict implementation of the procedures approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/177 whereby, inter alia, in the case of injury or illness resulting in permanent disfigurement or the permanent loss of a member or function there shall be paid to the injured party a lump sum, the amount of which shall be determined by the Secretary-General on the basis of the schedule set out in paragraph (b) of annex V to the report of the Secretary-General[21] and in accordance with the principles of assessment set out in paragraph (c) of that annex, and applying, where necessary, proportionate and corresponding amounts in cases of permanent disfigurement or loss of a member or function not specifically referred to in the schedule;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the payment of awards in cases of disability sustained by members of peacekeeping contingents and formed police units, civilian police officers and military observers in incidents occurring after 30 June 1997 with a view to ensuring that for those cases of permanent disfigurement or loss of a member or function specifically referred to in the schedule of awards set out in annex V to the report of the Secretary-General[21] and appendix D to the Staff Rules, the amount of compensation paid by the United Nations has not been less than the award levels set out in the schedule, and to report on the results to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

5. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to settle death and disability claims as soon as possible, but not later than three months from the date of submission of a claim;

6. *Expresses deep concern* about delays in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability, and requests the Secretary-General to take urgent measures to eliminate the existing backlog of death and disability claims pending for more than three months and to report to the General Assembly on the progress made at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to officially inform Member States of incidents involving their nationals in United Nations peacekeeping missions that may result in death or disability claims, as well as of the procedures governing the submission of such claims, no later than seventy-two hours from the time of the incident;

8. *Stresses* the importance of board of inquiry reports on incidents resulting in death and disability being completed and submitted to United Nations Headquarters and to the Member State concerned within the shortest possible period of time so as to ensure that the time limit referred to in paragraph 5 above is respected;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive review of the administrative and payment arrangements and procedures for the payment of compensation in cases of death and disability sustained by members of peacekeeping contingents and formed police units, civilian police officers and military observers with a view to simplifying, streamlining and harmonizing the current process, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session addressing, inter alia, the following issues:

(a) Options to ensure the equal treatment of members of peacekeeping contingents and formed police units, civilian police officers and military observers;

(b) The possible establishment of a deadline for the completion and submission of board of inquiry reports and measures to ensure its observance;

(c) Clear delineation of responsibilities of the United Nations and the Member States in the submission of documentation in support of death and disability claims;

(d) Full lists of documents to be submitted in support of death and disability claims by the Member States and, where applicable, beneficiaries;

(e) Possible limits in the number of requests for documents besides those specified in the lists referred to in subparagraph (d) above;

(f) The principle that in cases of doubt, death and disability claims are given sympathetic consideration;

(g) Possible procedures for a simplified settlement of death and disability claims whenever the Secretary-General is unable to complete the administrative procedures for processing such claims within the established time limit;

10. *Reaffirms* the principles enunciated in section III, paragraph 1, of its resolution 49/233 A and in paragraph 1 of its resolution 50/223 of 11 April 1996;

XI
Military

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the provision of good quality rations in concluding the global contract on rations;

2. *Decides* to authorize the payment, as necessary, of mission subsistence allowance to staff officers during in-mission official travel in cases where accommodation and/or food cannot be provided by the mission and to review this issue in the context of the analysis requested in paragraph 56 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Secretary-General in paragraph 94 of his overview report[2] and the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set out in paragraph 35 of its above-mentioned report, and decides that the support arrangements for staff officers should be revised accordingly;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of rapid deployment of military resources to the field, as referred to in paragraphs 91 to 93 of the overview report of the Secretary-General,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated information on this matter in the context of his next overview report;

XII
Internal controls and conflict of interest

1. *Affirms* that an effective internal control framework, accountability mechanisms, a commitment to strong control and ethics are important components of internal control;

2. *Stresses* that the secretariat management structure for peacekeeping operations must ensure that operational and management processes are fully integrated with a strong internal control framework and supported by effective accountability mechanisms;

3. *Reiterates* paragraph 9 of section V of its resolution 60/266 and paragraph 9 of its resolution 61/246 of 22 December 2006;

XIII
Air operations

1. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of section XI of its resolution 60/266;

2. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue efforts to explore possibilities for economies and efficiencies in air operations, and stresses that these should not undermine the safety and operational requirements and rotation and troop deployment cycles;

3. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General, contained in paragraph 3 of section XIX of its resolution 59/296, to improve the formulation of resource requirements for air operations in budget submissions to make them more reflective of actual operations, bearing in mind the overbudgeting of air transportation requirements in some peacekeeping operations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that missions, when reviewing their transportation requirements, take into account means that are efficient, cost-effective and responsive to their operational needs and that ensure the safety of their personnel and take fully into account the unique mandate, complexities, specificities and operational conditions of each mission;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to further strengthen coordination with relevant United Nations entities in the area of air operations and to report on progress made in his next overview report;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to conduct aviation quality inspections and aviation assessments to confirm that established standards are being fully complied with;

XIV
Ground transportation and utilization of vehicles and spare parts

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on progress made towards global management of spare parts in his next overview report;

2. *Notes with concern* the uneven implementation of the vehicle rotation policy;

3. *Notes* that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions did not make recommendations on the proposal of the Secretary-General on spare parts;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of full implementation of the car log security system and the fuel log system;

5. *Notes* the efforts of the Department for Peacekeeping Operations to develop, within Galileo, its assets management system, a comprehensive fleet

management system on spare parts management, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results achieved regarding the completion of that project at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

6. *Requests* the Department for Peacekeeping Operations to plan the acquisition of spare parts with due regard to realistic estimates of consumption and to dispose of unserviceable and obsolete items in a timely manner;

XVI
Fuel management

1. *Notes* that fuel is a major item of expenditure and that its management is vulnerable to serious risk of fraud and abuse;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to prepare a fuel management manual and standard operating procedures and to include in his report thereon information on the review of current business model for the provision of fuel, measures taken to improve fuel management, including information on experience with mission electronic fuel accounting system and fuel log system projects, and plans to introduce alternative systems designed to support global fuel management;

3. *Notes* the high vacancy rates in fuel management-related posts and the difficulties in recruiting appropriately qualified staff in this area, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure annual certification and, where necessary, updating of fuel contingency plans at its field missions;

XVII
Conduct and discipline

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 59/296,

Reaffirming its resolution 59/300 of 22 June 2005,

1. *Underlines* the great importance it attaches to the elimination of misconduct, including sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, and calls for full implementation of the United Nations zero tolerance policy;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;[16]

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;[15]

4. *Notes with concern* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its investigation into allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Ituri region (Bunia) in the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;[18]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine ways to strengthen cooperation and coordination of conduct and discipline teams, the Office of Internal Oversight Services and other entities of the United Nations system, both at Headquarters and in the field, and to report in this regard at the second resumed part of its sixty-second session in the context of the overview report;

6. *Stresses* the importance of having a dedicated capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations at Headquarters and, as appropriate, in its field missions to address conduct and discipline issues, decides to convert seven temporary positions at Headquarters and forty-one temporary positions in the field into posts and to authorize that the remaining positions in the field be funded from general temporary assistance, and requests a comprehensive report on the issue of conduct and discipline, including full justification of all posts, with staffing levels, functions and their impact on conduct and discipline, at its sixty-second session;

XVIII
Disarmament, demobilization (including reinsertion) and reintegration

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[19] and endorses the observations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[20]

2. *Reaffirms* the provisions of its resolution 59/296 on disarmament, demobilization (including reinsertion) and reintegration;

IX
Quick-impact projects

1. *Affirms* that quick-impact projects play a critical role in strengthening the link between missions and local populations and in accomplishing their objectives, and that their implementation should take into account the situation and needs on the ground;

2. *Welcomes* the inclusion of quick-impact projects in the budgets of peacekeeping operations, and recognizes the important contribution that they make towards the successful implementation of the mandates of peacekeeping operations;

3. *Stresses* that quick-impact projects are an integral part of mission planning and development and of the implementation of comprehensive strategies to meet the challenges facing complex peacekeeping operations;

4. *Recognizes* that, in accordance with the purpose of such projects, that is, that they be used by United Nations peacekeeping operations to establish and build confidence in individual missions, their mandates and the peace process, thereby improving the environment for effective mandate implementation, they should be executed by the missions to the extent possible, and that in instances when they are implemented by partners steps are taken to ensure that the missions are given due recognition;

5. *Emphasizes* that quick-impact projects should be implemented with minimal or no overhead charges in order to ensure that the maximum amount is spent for the direct benefit of the local population;

6. *Recognizes* that funding for quick-impact projects for the third year of a mission and beyond may be requested if there is a requirement for confidence-building activities, in which case a needs assessment should be conducted;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordination with humanitarian and development partners in order to avoid duplication and overlap of activities between missions and humanitarian and development partners in the field;

8. *Stresses* that mission budgets allocated for quick-impact projects should not be used to finance humanitarian and development activities already being carried out by United Nations agencies or other international organizations;

XX
Procurement

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 61/246, and regrets that the Secretary-General did not present the reports requested by the General Assembly in that resolution;

2. *Reaffirms also* section VII of its resolution 60/266, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General that he increase efforts to improve procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

3. *Recognizes* that procurement reform is an ongoing process that should focus, inter alia, on ensuring the efficiency, transparency and cost-effectiveness of United Nations procurement, strengthened internal controls, greater accountability to Member States and the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions on procurement reform;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to identify obstacles preventing the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in United Nations procurement contracts;

5. *Recognizes* the efforts by the Procurement Division to increase the number of business seminars in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage the organizations of the United Nations system to facilitate, in cooperation with Member States, the organization of business seminars in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

XXI
Regional coordination

Reaffirming section IX of its resolution 60/266,

1. *Acknowledges* progress made in regional cooperation;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General that regional coordination plans aligned to the objectives of missions be developed and implemented, keeping in mind the specific mandate of each mission, and that he report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of his next overview report;

3. *Welcomes* efforts to enhance regional and inter-mission cooperation, where feasible, with a view to achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization and the implementation of the mandates of the missions, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

XXII
Partnerships, country team coordination and integrated missions

1. *Stresses* the importance of close collaboration with partners, both inside and outside the United Nations system, including partnerships with regional organizations, and notes the efforts of the Secretary-General to strengthen such partnerships;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the budget submissions of complex integrated peacekeeping missions, a clear description of the role and responsibility of missions vis-à-vis integrated mission partners as well as the strategies of the missions for enhancing coordination and collaboration with United Nations country teams in order to achieve better results under relevant components;

XXIII
Liabilities and reimbursements

Notes with concern the status of liabilities and reimbursements to troop- and formed police-contributing countries for their troops, formed police units, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, emphasizes the importance of the full settlement of those liabilities, and, in this regard, urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions on time, in full and without conditions.

Draft resolution II
Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 60/267 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 60/267,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms for rapid deployment[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms for rapid deployment;[2]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/___ of _____,[4] as well as other relevant resolutions;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of its resolution 60/267, requests the Secretary-General to provide a preliminary assessment of the pilot project for the regional aviation safety centre at the United Nations Logistics Base in the next budget submission, and notes that, if the concept is applicable, it will consider proposals to establish regional aviation safety offices for other peacekeeping missions;

6. *Decides* to create the following posts in the Strategic Air Operations Centre: one Chief, Strategic Air Operations Centre (P-4), two Aviation Operations

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

[1] A/61/679 and A/61/752.

[2] A/61/795.

[3] A/61/852/Add.14.

[4] See A/C.5/61/L.49.

Officers (P-3) and two temporary positions established under general temporary assistance;

7. *Also decides* to approve the creation of a post of Chief, Administrative Services, at the P-5 level;

8. *Further decides* to approve the establishment of the following posts as temporary positions to be funded from general temporary assistance: one Chief, Engineering Design Unit (P-4), one Design Engineer (P-3) and two national General Service positions within the Engineering Design Unit;

9. *Decides* to approve the creation of the post of Chief, Geographic Information System Centre, at the P-4 level, and the establishment of the following temporary positions to be funded from general temporary assistance: one Geographic Information System Officer (P-3), one Geographic Information System System Administrator (Field Service) and five national General Service positions within the Geographic Information System Centre;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

11. *Decides* to establish the general temporary assistance positions under the pilot project of an off-site recruitment and outreach unit and revert to the issue in the context of the budget for 2008/09, pending the outcome of the human resources management reform;

12. *Emphasizes* that the assessment requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 60/267 was not carried out, and requests, as a matter of priority, the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the budget for 2009/10;

13. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management process, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the budget proposal for 2009/10, pursuant to paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to report on the longer-term perspective on the role and future development of the United Nations Logistics Base, addressing, inter alia, the basis for placing certain functions at the Base, taking into account the support provided by the host country;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement;[5]

[5] A/61/679.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

16. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 40,379,600 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

Financing of the budget estimates

17. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 6,365,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(b) The balance of 34,013,800 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(c) The net estimated staff assessment income of 2,308,400 dollars, comprising the amount of 2,692,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the decrease of 384,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

18. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-second session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

Draft resolution III
Consolidation of peacekeeping accounts

The General Assembly,

Recalling section VII of its resolution 60/283,

Having considered the detailed reports of the Secretary-General on investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide: financial management practices,[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the detailed reports of the Secretary-General on investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide: financial management practices,[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of this question at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated comprehensive report on consolidation of peacekeeping accounts, including a simulation of the options proposed, taking into account the views expressed, questions raised and information requested by Member States at its sixty-first session.

[1] A/60/846/Add.3, para. 112 (b)-(l), and A/61/865.
[2] A/60/870, paras. 47 and 64, and A/61/920.

Draft resolution IV
Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling Article 2, paragraph 1, and Articles 17, 18, 97 and 100 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/245 and 61/246 of 22 December 2006 and 61/256 of 15 March 2007, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Recalling further its resolutions 55/258 of 14 June 2001, 57/305 and 57/307 of 15 April 2003, 58/296 of 18 June 2004, 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 59/283 of 13 April 2005, 60/238 of 23 December 2005 and 61/244 of 22 December 2006, as well as its other relevant resolutions and decisions on human resources management and administration of justice,

Recalling its resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999, 54/256 of 7 April 2000, 55/232 of 23 December 2000, 55/247 of 12 April 2001, 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 58/276 and 58/277 of 23 December 2003, 59/288 and 59/289 of 13 April 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/246 of 22 December 2006, as well as its other relevant resolutions on procurement and outsourcing practices,

Having considered the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peace operations[1] and his reports on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management structures of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant Security Council resolution, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and within ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Reaffirming the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

Recalling the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the

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[1] A/61/858 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

[2] A/61/733 and Add.1 and A/61/858/Add.1 and Corr.1.

[3] A/61/743.

[4] A/61/937.

Methods of Evaluation[5] and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[6]

Stressing the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the role of the General Assembly and its relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies, within their respective mandates, in planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation,

Recognizing the ongoing efforts to reform human resources management, the system of administration of justice, the information and communications technology system and the procurement system of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly,

Attaching great importance to the provision of adequate resources for peacekeeping operations and their backstopping as well as for all priority activities of the Organization, in particular activities in the area of development, and underlining the need for a genuine and meaningful partnership between the Security Council, the troop-contributing Governments and other Member States, and the Secretariat,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the capacity of the Organization at Headquarters to mount and sustain peacekeeping operations in the light of the surge in demand and the complex and multidimensional peacekeeping operations,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Further reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

4. *Reaffirms* its role with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, and stresses that proposals that amend the overall departmental structure, as well as the format of the budgets of the Organization and the biennial programme plan, are subject to review and approval by the General Assembly;

5. *Emphasizes* that ongoing management reforms must be fully taken into account when presenting additional proposals for reform;

6. *Reaffirms* that support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

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[5] ST/SGB/2000/8.

[6] ST/SGB/2003/7.

7. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

8. *Recalls* the role of the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter;

9. *Reiterates* that the delegation of authority on the part of the Secretary-General should be in order to facilitate the better management of the Organization, but stresses that the overall responsibility for management of the Organization rests with the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer;

10. *Decides* to establish the Department of Field Support;

11. *Affirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

12. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

13. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General to specifically define accountability as well as clear accountability mechanisms, including to the General Assembly, and to propose clear parameters for its application and the instruments for its rigorous enforcement, without exception, at all levels, to ensure effective and efficient operations and management of resources in the Organization;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving unity of command in missions at all levels as well as coherence in policy and strategy and clear command structures in the field and up to and including at Headquarters;

15. *Also emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;

16. *Further emphasizes* the need to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a clear chain of command, accountability, coordination and maintenance of an adequate system of checks and balances;

18. *Urges* the Secretary-General, within the framework established in its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997, to define explicitly the role and duties of the Deputy Secretary-General in the reform set out in the present resolution, including in relation to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Management;

19. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238 and paragraph 11 of its resolution 56/241, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping

Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

20. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General, in employing staff, shall ensure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity as the paramount consideration, with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter and relevant General Assembly resolutions;

21. *Takes note* of the Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[3]

22. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and notes that the organizational structure of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support may present some major management challenges;

23. *Reaffirms* paragraph 6 of its resolution 56/241;

24. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to clarify the responsibilities and financial authority of all heads of mission;

25. *Stresses* that heads of departments report to and are accountable to the Secretary-General;

26. *Notes* the unique nature of the reporting line from the head of the Department of Field Support to the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and decides that having one head of department (Department of Field Support) report to and take direction from another head of department (Department of Peacekeeping Operations) shall not set a precedent in the Secretariat;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to address systemic issues that hamper good management of the Organization, including improvement of work processes and procedures, and in that context stresses that structural change is no substitute for managerial improvement;

28. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the relevant report of the Advisory Committee,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

29. *Takes note* of paragraph 63 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[4]

Support account for peacekeeping operations

30. *Also takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations;[2]

31. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

32. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of its resolution 60/268, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to submit the findings of a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of the support account;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 and 61/___,[7] as well as other relevant resolutions;

34. *Decides* to maintain, for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

35. *Also decides* to approve one D-1, thirteen P-5 and twelve P-4 posts for the integrated operational teams, to be located in their functional areas;

36. *Further decides* to locate the Partnerships Section in the Office of the Director for Policy, Evaluation and Training in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

37. *Decides* to approve two Evaluation Officer posts (one P-5 and one P-4) and one Administrative Assistant post (General Service (Other level)) in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

38. *Also decides* not to establish one P-4 post or a Legal Service in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support;

39. *Further decides* not to establish a P-5 post for a Senior Legal Officer in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs;

40. *Decides* to establish one P-4 post in the Europe and Latin America Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

41. *Also decides* to establish one P-4 post in lieu of using general temporary assistance in the Field Budget and Finance Division of the Department of Field Support;

42. *Further decides* to establish one P-5, two P-4, one P-3 and one General Service posts in the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, referred to in paragraphs 205 to 211, of the report of the Secretary-General;[8]

43. *Decides* to retain the sixty-three posts referred to in paragraphs 158 (a) and (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] under general temporary assistance, and requests the Secretary-General to review the level of resources of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for providing backstopping to peacekeeping operations, as well as its functions and interaction with peacekeeping operations and troop-contributing countries, and to report thereon in the context of the budget for the support account at its sixty-second session;

44. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive report to the General Assembly on the results of the ongoing examination and rationalization of the investigation caseload and the overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services at its sixty-second session;

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[7] See A/C.5/61/L.49.

[8] A/61/858/Add.1.

45. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure effective monitoring, within the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, of the work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as well as the Department of Field Support, with respect to: (a) the results-based budgeting framework and performance evaluation of subprogrammes; (b) enterprise risk management; (c) the information management strategy; (d) the reform initiatives and implementation of the related processes; (e) policy dissemination and communication with partners in peace operations; and (f) the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies;

46. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to further explore possible synergies between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support on the one hand and other departments of the Secretariat, specialized agencies and funds and programmes on the other;

47. *Emphasizes* the need for effective coordination between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support and the importance of the post of Chief of Staff in this respect, taking fully into consideration paragraph 23 of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

48. *Acknowledges* the concept of integrated operational teams as a means of ensuring horizontal coordination and integration of processes throughout the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, and requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to ensure effective coordination with the Office of Military Affairs of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, taking into account the recommendations of the relevant intergovernmental bodies with respect to the assessment of the functions of the ad hoc organ identified in the report of the Secretary-General;[10]

49. *Emphasizes* that disarmament, demobilization (including reinsertion) and reintegration programmes are a critical part of peace processes and integrated peacekeeping operations, as mandated by the Security Council, and supports strengthening the coordination of those programmes using an integrated approach;

50. *Stresses* that the Police Adviser should form part of the senior management team;

51. *Stresses also* the need for strengthening gender awareness in all training programmes;

52. *Reiterates* its support for the development and implementation of a ten-year plan for capacity-building with the African Union, looks forward to considering at its sixty-second session the report requested in its resolution 60/268 on the efforts made in support of African Union capacity-building, and stresses the need for an adequately resourced African Union peace support team;

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[9] A/61/858 and Corr.1.

[10] A/61/883.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

53. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;[11]

54. *Decides* not to transfer the amount of 13,790,000 United States dollars included in the amount of 15,804,000 dollars previously authorized in its resolution 60/268, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund utilized to finance the requirements of the support account for peacekeeping operations in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, and to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of the financial performance report for the financial period ended 30 June 2007;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

55. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 230,509,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, including eight hundred nineteen continuing and two hundred eighty-four new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

56. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance of 10,947,000 dollars and other income of 3,430,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(b) The amount of 7,097,000 dollars in excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(c) The balance of 209,035,600 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(d) The net estimated staff assessment income of 21,277,600 dollars, comprising the amount of 23,430,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the decrease of 2,153,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (c) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

57. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[12] on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 5,

[11] A/61/733 and Add.1.

[12] A/61/858/Add.2.

Peacekeeping operations, 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and 35, Staff assessment;

58. *Decides* to establish the post of Under-Secretary-General for Field Support until 30 June 2008, under the assumption of its continuation, subject to a preliminary review at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session and a comprehensive review at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session, and the reviews will address, inter alia, the continuation of the post and its level, functions, interaction with other heads of department, relevance, operational efficiency and effectiveness and, taking into account the functions of the Department of Field Support, the necessity to ensure the unity of command, integration of efforts and strengthening of operational capacity at Headquarters and in the field;

59. *Also decides* to establish the following posts:

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(a) Assistant Secretary-General to head the newly established Office of Military Affairs in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(b) Assistant Secretary-General to head the newly established Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

Section 28D, Office of Central Support Services

(c) Chief of the Procurement Service (D-1) in the Procurement Division of the Office of Central Support Services;

60. *Further decides* to approve the redeployment of the following posts:

(a) A post at the P-5 level from the Military Division to the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions to perform the functions of Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary-General;

(b) An existing Military Adviser post at the D-2 level from the Military Division to the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions to head the Police Division;

61. *Decides* to approve the abolition, effective 1 July 2007, of seven posts (four P-4, two P-3 and one General Service (Other level)) under section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

62. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the actual expenditures incurred in connection with the abolition and establishment of the posts referred to in paragraphs 58 to 61 above in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, and takes note that the continuing requirements would be incorporated in the initial appropriation at the time of the adoption of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, in December 2007;

Reporting

63. *Recalls* paragraphs 3, 12, 17 and 43 of its resolution 61/246, and decides to revert to the proposals regarding procurement following the submission of the report of the Secretary-General requested in that resolution, taking into account the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services as contained in its report;[3]

64. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly a comprehensive analysis of the Office of Military Affairs, taking into account the results of the upcoming report on the Strategic Military Cell and the lessons learned from the first period of the expansion of the Office of Military Affairs, including its interactions with the integrated operational teams and other offices of the Secretariat, so that it may review and further strengthen the functions of the Office, and to present the results of that analysis at the second part of the resumed sixty-second session;

65. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with reviewing and analysing the structure of the Secretariat for managing and sustaining peacekeeping operations, as established in the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session;

66. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report on the status of the implementation of the present resolution, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services as contained in its report,[3] at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

67. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of its resolution 61/256, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, including, inter alia, on the efficiency and effectiveness of the new structure in the implementation of mission mandates, as well as on programme delivery, improvements in the administrative and management processes, the functions of the integrated operational teams, measures to ensure coordination and integration between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support and the efficiencies and improvements resulting from past reforms of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services as contained in its report,[3] in particular recommendations 2, 7 and 13.

21. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Closed peacekeeping missions

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2006,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] (a) decides to return two thirds of the credits available in the account of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission to the Government of Kuwait in the amount of 3,701,300 United States dollars and (b) also decides to consider the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions during its sixty-second session.

[1] A/61/867.
[2] A/61/920.